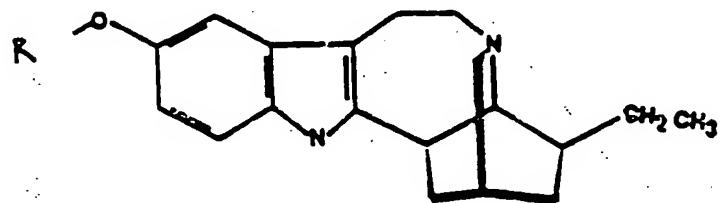


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An essentially pure noribogaine compound having the formula:



wherein R is hydrogen or a hydrolyzable group of the formula:



wherein X is an unsubstituted C₁-C₁₂ group or a C₁-C₁₂ group substituted by lower alkyl or lower alkoxy groups, wherein the noribogaine compound having the hydrolyzable group hydrolyzes in vivo to form 12-hydroxy ibogamine.